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CARPET WOOL PRICES

CLEAN BASIS

1947

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BA 6's Nov.	.290	.285	.285	.266	.266	.266	.306	.285	.285	.281	.285	.285
WZ crutchings	.400	.435	.435	.435	.430	.430	.485	.492	.492	.493	.530	.530
Indea/Pakistan	.562	.562	.56	.525	.527	.539	.550	.562	.588	.600	.610	.610
White												
Finest	.528	.492	.492	.485	.485	.485	.510	.511	.518	.518	.560	.560
Alpeno	.575	.560	.560	.530	.545	.540	.550	.56	.575	.595	.620	.620
White												
Indea/Karachi	.570	.560	.560	.530	.543	.540	.548	.56	.560	.590	.610	.610
BA 8 Nov.	.327	.350	.328	.334	.366	.410	.445	.475	.491	.482	.551	.558
WZ crutchings	.568	-	.580	.562	.590	.631	.585	.612	.629	.618	.656	.665
White												
Indea/Pakistan	.696	.664	.637	.618	.655	.680	.698	.703	.694	.680	.697	.710
Tibet	.610	.624	.586	.575	.587	.615	.640	.641	.626	.617	.650	.674
Alpeno	.703	.710	.691	.639	.658	.690	.706	.705	.697	.677	.688	.700
White												
Indea/Karachi	.694	.720	.660	.620	.653	.660	.674	.700	.690	.683	.660	.720

1948

CARPET WOOL PRICES

CLEAN BASIS

1949

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
② BA 6's NOV.	.570	.553	.501	.515	.467	.441	.487	.532	.553	.495	.541	.616
③ Crutchings	.720	-	.695	.648	.661	.573	.597	.619	.601	.574	.611	.680
① White India/Pakistan	.716	.691	.644	.637	.663	.654	.651	.674	.653	.626	.659	.733
② det	.658	.665	.625	.566	.629	.598	.598	.603	.633	.581	.600	.706
③ Aleppo	.712	.680	.656	.640	.625	.603	.615	.671	.680	.639	.670	.748
① White Kasbi/Karadi	.72	.685	.690	.633	.620	.596	.650	.643	.650	.643	.650	.690

1950

BA 6's NOV.	.688	.745	.784	.839	.935	.933	.925	1.017	1.250	1.300	1.512	1.608
② Crutchings	.763	.794	.778	.814	.878	.932	.963	1.051	1.243	1.325	1.522	1.607
③ White India/Pakistan	.769	.802	.832	.842	.921	.963	1.004	1.054	1.290	1.331	1.487	1.645
② det	.720	.738	.736	.773	.845	.900	.963	.987	1.178	1.252	1.379	1.574
③ Aleppo	.801	.794	.783	.825	.911	.949	.962	1.039	1.227	1.253	1.389	1.530
① White Kasbi/Karadi	.765	.790	.827	.840	.905	.928	.97	.992	1.200	1.250	1.350	1.520

CARPET WOOL PRICES  
CLEAN BASIS

1951

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
6's Nov.	1.93	2.16	2.23	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.07	.91	.998	.94	.87
8's	2.07	2.25	2.22	NA	NA	NA	1.11	.915	.80	.909	.91	.84
White India/Pakistan	1.93	2.02	2.05	1.80	1.45	1.16	1.11	1.03	.895	.961	.95	.885
Tibet	1.83	1.95	1.95	1.86	1.48	1.06	1.12	1.09	.905	.990	.971	.929
Alpen	1.87	1.88	1.92	1.72	1.37	1.13	1.00	.91	.871	.944	.926	.889
White Afghanistan/Karadai	1.74	2.01	1.99	1.73	1.43	1.16	1.07	1.03	.853	.95	.936	.922
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